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the Claims

1. (Amended Three Times) A method for the treatment of a length of bagged material which comprises;

mounting an open end of a large flexible bag and a gathered portion of the bag onto a bag filling machine,

filling the bag through the open end with material to be stored and treated during storage, said bag when filled defining a bag exterior wall and said filling including the progressive deployment of the gathered portion of the bag,

during the bag filling process directing a <u>continuous</u> perforated conduit from <u>a feed tube mounted on</u> the machine and through the open end of the bag into the material contained in the bag <u>and spaced inwardly from the bag exterior wall</u>, and upon